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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF THAT PORTION OF SECRETARY RICHARDSON'S
REMARKS AT HIS SWEARING-IN MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, PERTAINING
TO UK: BEGIN TEXT:

SECRETARY RICHARDSON: THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

MR. PRESIDENT, MR. CHIEF JUSTICE, MEMBERS OF MY FAMILY,
COLLEAGUES IN GOVERNMENT AND FRIENDS:

IT IS A SOLEMN AND MOVING EXPERIENCE TO SWEAR TO UPHOLD AND
DEFEND THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES. I SHOULD
KNOW. (LAUGHTER)

IT HAS BEEN SUGGESTED THAT I MAY AT THIS VERY MOMENT BE
ENTERING THE GUINNESS BOOK OF RECORDS AS THE MOST SWORN-IN
OF AMERICANS. IF I HADN'T BEEN MOVING SO FAST FROM PLACE TO
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PLACE, I MIGHT WELL HAVE BECOME THE MOST SWORN AT OF AMERI-

CANS, WHICH ONLY GOES TO SHOW THAT YOU CAN'T HAVE IT BOTH WAYS. (LAUGHTER)

MR. PRESIDENT, I AM DEEPLY GRATEFUL TO YOU FOR THE PRIVILEGE OF HAVING SERVED AS AMBASSADOR OF THE UNITED STATES TO THE COURT OF ST. JAMES. IT WASN'T A LONG PERIOD OF SERVICE, BUT ONE WHICH ANN AND I AND OUR FAMILY ALL ENJOYED VERY MUCH AND IN WHICH WE LEARNED TO APPRECIATE MORE THAN EVER THE QUALITIES OF THE BRITISH PEOPLE AND THE DEPTH OF THEIR FRIENDSHIP FOR THE UNITED STATES.

IN THIS BICENTENNIAL YEAR, THEIR ABIDING AFFECTION FOR US IS STRONGER THAN EVER AND THEY WISH US MANY HAPPY RETURNS.

I AM ALSO GRATEFUL TO YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF YOUR CABINET IN THE POSITION OF SECRETARY OF COMMERCE. I LOOK FORWARD TO THE CHALLENGES AND THE OPPORTUNITIES OF THAT JOB AND I DO SO IN THE FIRM CONVICTION WHICH I BRING BACK WITH ME FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM, THAT THE STRENGTHENING OF FREE ENTERPRISE IS THE ONLY SURE MEANS OF CONTINUING THE RECOVERY THAT YOUR STEADFAST POLICIES HAVE ALREADY SET IN MOTION.

THE PRIVATE SECTOR IS, AFTER ALL, AS YOU HAVE EMPHASIZED, THE ONLY MEANS OF CREATING PERMANENT JOBS. ANY OTHER APPROACH IS A PALLIATIVE AT BEST AND THE CREATION OF JOBS MEANS IN TURN THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF INVESTMENT BECAUSE THROUGH INVESTMENT WE BRING ABOUT THE PRODUCTIVITY THAT CAN IN TURN PUT PEOPLE TO WORK.

THESE THINGS ARE VIVIDLY DEMONSTRATED BY WHAT ONE CAN SEE IN A COUNTRY, LIKE THE UNITED KINGDOM, WHERE THERE HAS BEEN LESS STEADFASTNESS SOMETIMES IN THE PAST IN THE RECOGNITION OF THESE FUNDAMENTAL ECONOMIC TRUTHS. INGERSOLL

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